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SUBJECT: BERLIN AIR SERVICE PROPOSALS

REF: A. BERLIN 341 B. STATE 33784

1. FONOFF BCATAG REP. JIRKA CALLED ASST. EMB CAA TO ASK IF THERE WAS ANY SUBSTANCE TO THE PRESS REPORTS (REF A) THAT THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS HAD ALREADY APPROVED THE PROPOSED SWAP ARRANGEMENT. ASST. EMB CAA REITERATED TO JIRKA THE PRESENT STATE OF PLAY AS OUTLINED IN REF TEL B, POINTING OUT THAT A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE ROUTE DIVISION COULD NOT BE MADE UNTIL THE U.S. LEGAL SITUATION WAS FULLY CLARIFIED BY PAA. WE THEREFORE PLANNED TO MAINTAIN THE PUBLIC POSITION THAT THE SWAP ARRANGEMENT WAS STILL UNDER USG CONSIDERATION.

2. JIRKA THEN ASKED FOR A RE-STATEMENT OF THE PRESENT USG VIEW ON THE TEGEL MOVE - PRESUMABLY IN RESPONSE TO THE TAGESSPEIGEL EDITORIAL CITED PARA 3, REF A. ASST. EMB CAA ASSURED JIRKA ONCE AGAIN THAT HIS VIEWS, AS WELL

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AS THOSE OF THE BERLIN SENAT ON THE SUBJECT HAD BEEN

FULLY REPORTED TO WASHINGTON AND THAT WE WERE COGNIZANT OF THE IMPORTANCE THAT THE FRG/BERLIN SENAT ATTACHED TO THIS MATTER. WHILE THE FINAL MOVE REMAINED A QUESTION FOR THE AIRLINES THEMSELVES TO RESOLVE WE WERE HOPEFUL THAT THINGS WOULD WORK OUT SATISFACTORILY FROM THE GERMAN POINT OF VIEW. ASST. EMB CAA ADDED THAT WE COULD EXPECT SOME AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT AS THE AIRLINES AND BFG ADDRESSED THEMSELVES TO THE FINAL TECHNICAL DETAILS OF BRINGING TEGEL INTO FULL OPERATION.

COMMENT: FONOFF CLEARLY REMAINS ACUTELY SENSITIVE TO THE TEGEL ISSUE FOR OBVIOUS REASONS

HOWEVER, WE SEE NO ALTERNATIVE AT THIS POINT EXCEPT TO AVOID MAKING ANY DEFINITE COMMIT MENT RE PAA'S FINAL DECISION. THE EXACT DATE OF THE MOVE, OF COURSE, REMAINS A MATTER FOR THE AIRLINES AND THE BFG TO WORK OUT.

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